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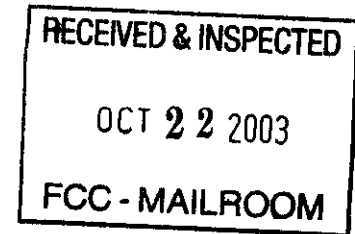
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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554



RE: Docket 02-55

Ms. Dortch:

I am writing you today to express the support of our Ohio MARCS Program Office for the "Consensus Plan" currently proposed to you, as a means to resolve the ongoing interference problems being experienced by public safety agencies nationwide.

The MARCS program is in the final stages of implementing a statewide 800 MHz trunked digital voice system, as well as a statewide 800 MHz wireless data system. The system is serving all state-level first responder agencies, and we will continue to add local police, fire and EMS services as we finish building the system out.

We, like many other agencies, have experienced interference we believe is caused by cellular phone technologies sharing our frequency ranges.

After careful study, we believe the "consensus plan" is the most viable solution to the challenge before us, which must be resolved as expeditiously as possible, in the interest of public safety, officer safety, and homeland security.

If you have questions pertaining to this matter, please contact me at (614) 466-2257 or (614) 207-4453.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Darryl L. Anderson".

Darryl L. Anderson
Ohio MARCS Program Administrator

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